

SOCIETY

Pleasures of the Week.

Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Parker were hosts at dinner on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Thirty guests were present each evening. The guests found places at prettily appointed tables and enjoyed a splendid three-course menu. On Tuesday evening Mrs. Parker was assisted in serving by Mrs. W. A. Witzigman and Mrs. J. S. Mathewson and on Thursday by Mrs. F. E. Davenport and Mrs. W. P. Logan. Bridge furnished amusement, the honors going to Mrs. P. H. Salter and Hurl Mages the first evening and to Miss Lena Stewart and Arthur Koenigstein the second.

The members of the Luther league surprised Reinhold Barneke on Tuesday evening by dropping in unexpectedly to assist him in celebrating his 60th birthday in a proper manner. After a jolly evening spent in playing games the visitors served the refreshments they brought with them. At midnight the guests said goodbye to their host, wishing him many happy returns of the day.

The Volunteers of the Presbyterian church entertained the workers and members of the church at the home of J. A. Ballantyne, to a musical program Thursday evening. Light refreshments were served and a good time was enjoyed by all.

About forty relatives and friends surprised J. A. Kost Tuesday evening on his 50th birthday anniversary. Some very nice presents were received, among them a beautiful Black Hills gold ring. An oyster supper followed and a delightful evening was enjoyed by all.

Miss Gertrude Grimm entertained the Thimble club Friday evening. Refreshments were served by Miss Grimm. There are sixteen members of the club. These members enjoyed a theater party in the Auditorium Monday evening.

Mrs. George Burton and Mrs. C. A. Sheeler were hostesses at an organ tea on Wednesday afternoon. The ladies served tempting refreshments and the guests enjoyed a thoroughly good time.

Mrs. P. H. Davis entertained a company of ladies on Friday afternoon for the benefit of the organ fund. Mrs. Davis served nice refreshments at the close of a very pleasant afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Mathewson entertained a company of ladies Saturday afternoon at a Kensington. Nice refreshments were enjoyed and the organ fund was increased materially.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church met with Mrs. J. D. Sturgeon on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Hewins, Mrs. Demmon and Mrs. Kuhl assisted Mrs. Sturgeon.

J. C. Johnson celebrated his birthday anniversary at his home last Tuesday evening. A large number of friends called on Mr. Johnson and enjoyed the evening.

Mrs. P. H. Salter was hostess at a pipe organ tea on Friday afternoon. A social afternoon and dainty refreshments were enjoyed by the guests.

Mrs. L. A. Culmsee, assisted by Mrs. J. A. Brown and Mrs. F. E. Malm entertained the ladies of the First Congregational church on Thursday.

The ladies of the Second Congregational church enjoyed a pleasant meeting in the home of Mrs. Ralph Ralston on Thursday afternoon.

A large number of friends surprised Emil Wachter at his home on North Seventh street Monday evening. The evening was greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. E. S. South and Mrs. A. Rankley were joint hostesses at a pleasant organ tea on Wednesday afternoon.

Half a dozen ladies enjoyed a social afternoon in the home of Mrs. Charles H. Kelsey on Wednesday.

The ladies of the Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. Melmaker on Friday afternoon.

The Ladies' Guild of Trinity church met with Mrs. A. B. Baldwin on Thursday.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Westervelt on Wednesday afternoon.

Personal. The Omaha Bee on Wednesday told of the twenty-four pretty girls of the sophomore class of Vassar college, who will compose the Daisy chain this year. Among them will be Miss Helen George of Mason City, Ia., who is a niece of O. L. Hyde of Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. McClary are expected in Norfolk on Sunday from their home in Blufffield, Mich., for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McClary, on Norfolk avenue.

Mrs. Rainbolt is packing and disposing of her household goods and will go to Omaha, in the near future, to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bucholz.

Mrs. N. A. Huse and children will return home tomorrow noon, from a four weeks' visit with her mother, Mrs. J. F. Losch, at West Point.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gaffney have come to Norfolk from Wayne, Neb.,

to make their home and are nicely settled at 908 Madison avenue.

Mrs. John Hanley and her sister, Miss Grace Fairbanks, left Friday noon for Milwaukee, where they will make an extended visit.

Miss Emma Hartman of Douglas, Wyo., is in Norfolk for a visit with friends and relatives.

Mrs. R. L. Davenport entertained the ladies of the Christian church on Friday afternoon.

Miss Mason has been confined to the house for several days with a sprained foot.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bullock have spent the past week in Missouri Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Logan will entertain at dinner Tuesday evening, March 12.

GRADUATION ECONOMY.

Girls at Fremont Pass Drastic Legislation as to Commencement. Fremont, Neb., March 9.—An "ordinary" dress for the class day exercises, a "worn-once-or-more" dress for the junior-senior reception and the senior class party, and a \$5 dress for commencement night will constitute the wardrobe of the fair co-eds of Fremont high school senior class this spring.

The girls themselves, at a strictly feminine meeting held after school hours, placed a limit on the amounts for which they would touch indulgent parents during the season of social events incident to their graduation from the high school. As a result, thirty papas are wearing broad smiles today and figuring how much more than usual they can allow their very considerate daughters for their Easter hats, a point the girls left untouched.

Commissioners Proceedings. Madison, Neb., Mar. 5, 1912, 1 p. m. Board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, commissioners present, Burr Taft, Henry Sunderman and Watson L. Purdy.

The minutes of the meeting of Feb. 9, 1912 were read and approved as read.

The time having arrived for opening bids for remodeling part of the basement of the court house. The board opened and considered the following bids:

W. H. Beckenhour offers to do the work as specified for \$2,075. Bid of J. A. Hide offers to do the work as specified for \$2,790.95. Bid of Parker Bros. offers to do the work as specified for \$2,450.00.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the board rejected all bids. Petition of L. L. Brown and 14 others asking that the board appoint Frank Hammon as road overseer of R. D. No. 18 was presented.

On motion Frank Hammon was appointed road overseer for road district No. 18. The petition of the voters of Battle Creek precinct asking the board to appoint John Heggenier road overseer for road district No. 7.

On motion this matter was laid over until the next meeting.

On motion Joseph Benish was appointed road overseer for road district No. 1. The county assessor P. W. Ruth appointed Mark Richardson precinct assessor for Madison city, which appointment was on motion confirmed.

On motion the following official bonds were approved.

Thos. Reigle, road overseer, R. D. No. 10. W. M. Darlington, county treasurer, additional bond.

On motion the clerk was instructed to cancel general fund warrant No. 1069, general fund of 1909, for \$30.00 allowed in favor of Harry Lamb and by him assigned to the Farmers Mercantile Co., and also to cancel general fund warrant No. 1070, general fund of 1909, for \$26.00 claim allowed in favor of John Studts.

On motion the clerk was authorized to correct the 1911 tax list by striking out the personal tax of W. J. Weatherholt in Norfolk city, amounting to \$7.15 on account of error in assessment.

On motion the clerk was instructed to correct the 1911 tax list by striking out the personal tax of J. S. Mathewson in Norfolk city, amounting to \$10.73 on account of double assessment.

On motion the Western Bridge and Construction Co., was ordered to construct or rebuild the following steel bridges.

One bridge across Corporation Gulch, re-floored. One bridge on Norfolk avenue, repaired. One bridge on road between sections 25 and 34, township 24, range 1, rebuilt.

One bridge between sections 33 and 34, township 24, range 2, rebuilt. One bridge between section 36, township 24-3, and section 31, township 22-1, rebuilt.

One bridge between sections 11 and 29, township 21-1, rebuilt. One bridge between sections 20 and 29, township 21-4, rebuilt. One bridge across Union creek in section 2, township 21-1, rebuilt. One bridge across Union creek just out of Madison, new bridge.

On motion the petition of T. L. Osborn and others praying for the location of a road on section line between sections 11 and 14, township

22, range 3 west, and the vacation of a road, commencing at the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of section 14-22-3, running thence west 240 rods and there terminating, was taken up and considered, and on motion the road was ordered located and vacated as prayed, and the clerk was instructed to correct plat accordingly.

On motion the following claims were allowed on account of the location and vacation of said road: Gustave Miller, claimed \$175.00 allowed at \$150.00. T. C. Osborn 50.00. C. R. Reeves 200.00. John Ambroz, claimed \$125.00 wholly disallowed.

F. H. Davis, viewing road 5.00. C. E. Glass, appraising road 4.30. J. L. Grant, appraising road 4.30. C. W. Sprout, appraising road 4.30.

On motion the petition of John Ambroz and others to vacate a road as follows: commencing at the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 14, township 22, range 3 west, and running thence west 80 rods and there terminating, was considered and road ordered vacated as prayed, and the clerk was instructed to correct plat accordingly. The following claim was allowed on account of the vacation of said road.

Fred H. Davis, viewing road to be vacated \$5.00. On motion the following bills were allowed: John Flynn, fees state cases claimed at \$18.10, allowed at 15.10. A. T. Rodman, fees state cases claimed at \$16.80, allowed at 14.70. Hanson & Anderson, treasurer bond 337.50. H. H. Tracy, making maps 40.00. C. F. Eiseley, fees state cases 3.45. C. E. A. Marquardt, fees state cases 18.40. C. F. A. Marquardt, fees state cases, claimed \$3.50, allowed at 2.10. Minnie Lobus, rent for pauper Hume-Robertson-Wycoff Co., lumber, bridges 2.50. A. W. Fishhouse, fees state cases 3.15. Elliott-Fisher Co., repairing book machine 15.68. W. M. Welch Mfg. Co., supplies for superintendent 2.23. Hammond & Stevens Co., supplies for superintendent 27.70. H. B. Allen, printing 11.75. Sessions & Bell burying pauper Chas. Farage, lumber, bridges Madison Telephone Co., rent and tolls 43.05. Dell Moore, work R. D. No. 20 3.00. C. A. Gabelman, wolf bounty 2.00. M. S. McDuffee, fees state cases 21.10. M. S. McDuffee, recording bonds and etc. 16.45. Diers Bros., supplies for pauper and court house 18.28. Road district No. 16, work for road district No. 9 8.50. S. M. Dowling, work road district No. 16 37.00. Hume-Robertson-Wycoff Co., coal for jail and paupers 41.65. Madison Hdw. Co., supplies for jail 2.80. J. A. Pence & Son, supplies for court house 10.05. Joe Trulock, rent for pauper D. Q. Nicholson, supplies for paupers 11.53. Richard Born, blacksmithing University Publishing Co., supplies for superintendent 5.00. O. O. Buck, stationery for court house 115.10. Chas. Busted, lumber 40.00. Norfolk Lumber Co., lumber for road district No. 2 9.32. Western Bridge & Construction Co., building retaining wall 889.72. Huse Publishing Co., printing Huse Publishing Co., blank-books and etc. 323.29. Switzer & McKibbin, lumber for bridges 80.00. S. R. McFarland, salary, postage and etc. 173.00. Loanan Lumber Co., lumber and coal 138.80. Gus Kaul, salary 50.00. J. M. Smith, salary and board-ing prisoners 139.10. W. H. Field, jurors and witness fees 124.65. C. S. Smith, salary and fees 332.77. J. R. Hide, making desk for Field 48.75. N. A. Housel, salary and exp. 171.11. H. H. Tracy, county maps 25.48. Davis & Son, burying pauper, and supplies for jail 38.10. Geo. M. Dudley, back hire 8.00. S. B. Hosley, auto hire 5.00. A. L. Killian Co., supplies for paupers 7.46. J. T. Moore, work R. D. No. 1 6.00. J. T. Moore, work, bridges 33.50. J. T. Moore, work, R. D. No. 2 4.00. Burr Taft, labor and mileage and etc. 100.87. Henry Sunderman, labor and mileage 58.95. Watson L. Purdy, labor and mileage, cash for shoveling snow 84.50. Roy Height, culverst 160.00. R. R. Black, livery & feed 6.15. F. H. Taylor, postage 3.09. I. M. Dawson, expenses, Farmers institute 25.02. Mrs. Geo. Galpin, nursing pauper Boone county, one half work on road on county line 87.50. On motion the following settlement was made with John Crook, member of the Soldiers Relief Commission. Madison, Nebraska, March 5, 1912. To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Madison County Nebraska. I herewith beg to submit the following report as member of the Soldiers Relief Commission for the year 1911.

Received of Herman Barney, \$100.00. Received of Herman Barney, 100.00. Received of Herman Barney, 100.00.

Total \$200.00

Disbursements. Overdraft \$105.56. Charles A. Gray 55.00. Thos. L. Curas 40.00. Expenses 20.00. Total \$230.56. Balance on hands, \$ 69.44. Approved this 5th day of March, 1912.

Burr Taft, Henry Sunderman, Watson L. Purdy, County Commissioners. On motion the board selected the following named 60 persons from whom the petit jurors for the April term of the district court shall be drawn:

Norfolk precinct: Fred Byerley, J. T. Moore, E. A. Young, H. J. Graves, Arnold Pasewalk, Sam Bouton, Wm. Raker, Julius Heckman, Ludwig Donner, W. A. Coles, John Horiskey, John Guild, F. Z. McGinnis, Frank Kilts, George Davis and Ed Skiff. Valley precinct, John T. Dinkel, Oscar Dederman.

Doer Creek precinct: J. J. Orr, and Balsler Werner. Meadow Grove precinct, J. R. Dow, and Lewis Hines. Jefferson precinct, Robert Dale, Emerson Ashcraft and Aug. Reikofski. Grove precinct, L. P. Sutley and J. B. Fichter. Highland precinct, W. H. Tiedgen and M. C. Beed.

Battle Creek precinct, D. L. Best, John Hogenmeyer, John G. Dick and Wm. U. Horner. Waverlyville precinct, Israel Miller and C. E. Metz. Union precinct, Fred Schilling, Dirk Boe and Henry Werkmeister. Fairview precinct, O. A. Sunderman and Alex. Reeves. Schoolcraft precinct, L. J. Pope and Oscar Reeves. Emerick precinct, James O'Brien and Anton Ganzer. Sheet Creek precinct, Geo. H. Gutru, Ebert Ohlson, Lew Thavenet, E. H. Gerhart and J. W. Fitch. Kalamazoo precinct, George Gellenkuchen and Nick Dohman. Green Garden precinct, Phillip Reeg and R. Claymon.

Madison precinct, Ralph McGehee, U. D. Mathews, R. W. Linn, A. E. Remender, Floyd Warriek, Bernard Otterpohl and Wm. Thompson. Moved and seconded, that N. A. Housel, county superintendent, be allowed the sum of \$250.00 for office help for the year 1912.

Upon roll call, Purdy votes yes, Sunderman votes yes, Taft votes no. Motion carried. Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 2, 1912, at 1 p. m. S. R. McFarland, County Clerk.

West Point Teachers. West Point, Neb., March 9.—The West Point board of education has elected the following teachers for the coming school year: Misses Margaret Gallagher, Maria Chambers, Rose Marsh, Lottie Koop, Mabel Brazda, Grace Hall, Blanche Shearer, Nelle Wilson, Fernie Solomon and Prof. Reese Solomon as teacher of vocal and instrumental music.

Raid the Dinner Parties. Washington, March 9.—Dinner parties were raided, hotel lobbies invaded and many theater parties broken up last night as the result of a day-long filibuster against the private pensions bill in the house. The sergeant-at-arms and his assistants were the raiders, and more than eighty absent members were taken under arrest before the house to record their votes. Among these were McKinley of Illinois, manager of President Taft's campaign. The bill was completed and will be passed by the house today.

David K. Larimer. Sioux City, Ia., March 9.—David K. Larimer, telegraph editor of the Sioux City Tribune, died in a hospital here last evening. Mr. Larimer had been in a state of coma for 78 hours. Death was due to kidney trouble. Mr. Larimer came here about three years ago from Omaha, where he had been engaged in newspaper work. He was formerly an employe of several western newspapers.

RECEIVERS FOR ORIENT. President Stillwell Attributes Troubles of Company to "Money Trust." Kansas City, March 9.—A formal order placing the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway company in the hands of receivers was made by Judge Pollock in the federal court in Kansas City, Kan.

Edward Dickinson of Kansas City, vice-president and general manager of the company; J. O. Davidson, a banker of Wichita, and M. L. Turner, an Oklahoma City banker, were named receivers.

In recent statements urging federal action against the so-called "money trust," A. E. Stillwell, New York, president of the company, told of difficulties in financing the road which is to connect Kansas City and Topolobampo, Mexico. More than half the line has been completed. Construction will not be delayed, attorneys for the creditors say.

Tommy Whaley Is Mad. "Gene Sullivan of O'Neill don't want any of my game," says Tommy Whaley, a lightweight fighter of Omaha, who has tried hard to make connections with the youngest brother of the two fast O'Neill fighters. "I agreed to box him for any kind of money," continued Whaley. "The match was to come off on Feb. 12, but he did not send me the transportation he had promised."

Worth Subscription Price. Atkinson Graphic: A copy of Carlson's Breeders Review came to our table this week. One article it contained was perused by us with great interest. The title was: How Sells Are Formed. While it was not ex-

haustive on the subject in any particular, it was yet comprehensive enough to give the average reader some valuable ideas about salls. In our opinion, this one article carefully studied would prove to any farmer of more value than the price of a year's subscription. This was in the February number. It is published at Norfolk, this state.

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Below is a copy of her letter to Mayor A. N. Compton: Evansville, Ind.—To the Mayor of Valentine, Neb.—Dear Sir will you please write me a line and ask you to publish my letter and description and will you mail you a small photo of my self and ask you to publish it all so with my description and see if you can find me a husband among your men as I would like your style and type of man you have in your town I would like very much to correspond with a ranchman and will ask you to please be good and kind a nugh to publish it in your papers and then please return my photo to me and I will answer any and all questions that any of you may chous to ask me so please return my photo if you don't want to publish it but hope you will be kind a nugh to hand this to your leading news paper man and he I am sure will Will rite my full description on a separate sheet and will be truthful and honest in ever way and hope I can become a quainted with some nice western man in addressing me send all mail to 117 Sec ave Evansville Ind

My Full Description—5 foot 2 inches weigh 148 have dark orbin hair and brown eyes was borned and raised in ky am 22 years old fair complected and was raised on a farm good cook a good housekeeper kind loving disposition kind hearted am a lover of out of door life will answer any and all questions please publish this and photo together and oblige to you

Miss Effia Hutchinson. Brooklander was one of the many who answered her letter. He had already had two matrimonial experiences, but he had no scruples against having another. The description sounded good to him and of all the replies received, "Miss" Hutchinson selected those of the blacksmith as being more "stiff and tight."

Letters flew thick and fast and it was but a short time until the brawny smith sent her money with which to make the trip to the land of her choice. Then came the letter telling that she had started.

To a few of his close friends Brooklander confided the news of his expected venture into fields of matrimony. Some laughed and told him that he had found a new way of disposing of his money, that he would never again hear from the fair charmer. But Brooklander did not lose faith. For nearly a week before her arrival he met every train from the east, but with each disappointment his faith in the "orbin haired lady" with the sweet "disposition" grew stronger.

His faith triumphed for, after all his friends had become convinced that Brooklander had been duped, the woman of his dreams stepped from the evening passenger. But she was not alone. By her side walked a stalwart youngster of some 8 years. This unexpected addition to his family was explained to the "western hero" in a satisfactory manner, but Miss Hutchinson was forced to confess that she had been married before. Later she broke the news that she had left her husband and had never gone through the formality of procuring a divorce from him.

They soon arrived at the decision that there could be no wedding bells for them—at least not until a year's residence had been established by the woman in Cherry county.

As the only solution of the problem which confronted them, the chivalrous Nebraskan agreed to establish her as the head of his household on trial until such time as she may be able to secure a legal separation from the Indiana husband.

When "Miss Hutchinson's" little boy started to the public schools of Valentine, he gave his name as Rolland. Being asked his last name, he replied "Hutchison, but it will be Brooklander pretty soon, if mamma suits him." Turning to the little son of Mr. Brooklander who accompanied him, he added, "This is my stepbrother—any way, he will be pretty soon if mamma suits his father."

Mr. Brooklander is one of the oldest settlers of Valentine, having come here thirty years ago. He is well liked and popular, a member of several of the leading lodges and a deacon in the Presbyterian church. He is the father of eight children, six of whom have reached the age of maturity. His first wife died many years ago and his second marriage was unhappy, culminating in a divorce case a couple of years ago.

Both Mr. Brooklander and Miss Hutchinson are of the opinion that they have reached at last a safe harbor after their stormy voyages on matrimonial seas.

This little romance may be considered as a direct outgrowth of the publicity given the Sellers murder case that has held the interest of this community for the last eight months. Miss Hutchinson read the account of Eunice Murphy, for love of whom four of her admirers, assassinated a fifth one, and decided that if the men so far outnumbered the women in the sand hills of Nebraska, she would do her part toward adding to the feminine population of Cherry county.

Basketball Men Meet at Lincoln. Lincoln, March 8.—The second annual interscholastic basketball tournament started at the state university yesterday, when games between high schools of the state were played. A total of twenty high schools are represented in the tournament, which lasts till Saturday night. Some teams were of fast and scientific variety, while some others were just the opposite.

The game between the Sidney and Elgin teams seemed to create the most interest, the result being a matter of conjecture until the final blow of the referee's whistle. It resulted in a victory for Elgin by a score of 27 to 23.

The South Omaha game was a walkaway for the Porkers, who were given the decision over Trenton by the score of 10 to 14. Menefee of the South Omaha team was the star player in the contest.

Central City and Nebraska City was also a close game, the result being in favor of Central City by a score of 23 to 21.

Other games were: Tecumseh, 34; Ord, 10. Beatrice, 43; Norfolk, 11. Wahoo, 45; Blair, 8.

Disfigured for Life. The News: Will Soundright, of Paha-posto, who was injured by being bit with a stone snake shows some improvement at last report, but will be disfigured for life.

Be No Gambling at White River. White River, S. D., March 8.—Special to The News: There will be no gambling during the filling for the Mellette county homestead lands. This is positive and absolute. The department made it plain to the White River delegation in Washington that gambling would not be countenanced. This was not necessary, however, for citizens had thoroughly made up their minds to "nip in the bud" any attempt of any operators in this direction. Local authorities have received advices, if at any time, any assistance is needed, to call upon the department and United States deputy marshal will be sent immediately.

Doering Files for Office. Madison, Neb., March 8.—Special to The News: M. G. Doering of Battle Creek has filed as a candidate for the nomination of county assessor subject to the will of the democratic primary. It is not yet known who will file on the republican ticket. The republicans of Madison and vicinity would hail with delight if some good man from either Meadow Grove or Tilden would file for the nomination. However, Madison may have a candidate for the place if no one from elsewhere cares for it.

Stock Exchange Firm Suspends. New York, March 9.—The stock exchange firm of Conner & Co. announced their suspension on the stock

exchange today. Counsel for Conner & Co. said that the firm had been in the process of liquidation for more than a year, due to the protracted illness of E. S. Conner, the senior member. According to a statement the firm's liabilities will be about \$3,500,000 with approximately sufficient assets to cover them.

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His Matrimonial Venture. Valentine, Neb., March 8.—It is doubtful whether Elbert Brooklander, the village blacksmith of Valentine, has ever heard of Bernard Shaw's theory of trial marriage, but it is rumored that he is a practical advocate of that school. At any rate when he saw an ardent appeal sent to the mayor of Valentine by a lovelorn Hoosier lass asking that she be put into correspondence with a "western man," he could not resist the call to his chivalry and promptly sent a reply.

Below is a copy of her letter to Mayor A. N. Compton: Evansville, Ind.—To the Mayor of Valentine, Neb.—Dear Sir will you please write me a line and ask you to publish my letter and description and will you mail you a small photo of my self and ask you to publish it all so with my description and see if you can find me a husband among your men as I would like your style and type of man you have in your town I would like very much to correspond with a ranchman and will ask you to please be good and kind a nugh to publish it in your papers and then please return my photo to me and I will answer any and all questions that any of you may chous to ask me so please return my photo if you don't want to publish it but hope you will be kind a nugh to hand this to your leading news paper man and he I am sure will Will rite my full description on a separate sheet and will be truthful and honest in ever way and hope I can become a quainted with some nice western man in addressing me send all mail to 117 Sec ave Evansville Ind

My Full Description—5 foot 2 inches weigh 148 have dark orbin hair and brown eyes was borned and raised in ky am 22 years old fair complected and was raised on a farm good cook a good housekeeper kind loving disposition kind hearted am a lover of out of door life will answer any and all questions please publish this and photo together and oblige to you

Miss Effia Hutchinson. Brooklander was one of the many who answered her letter. He had already had two matrimonial experiences, but he had no scruples against having another. The description sounded good to him and of all the replies received, "Miss" Hutchinson selected those of the blacksmith as being more "stiff and tight."